



State Deputy

Daniel 'Danny' Lechner, Biloxi

State Secretary

Dr. Peter Sukanek, Oxford

State Treasurer

Gerald 'Jerry' Schmuck, Gulfport

State Advocate

David Scott, Madison

State Warden

Jim McCraw, Jackson

Immediate Past State Deputy

Larry Tabor, Biloxi

State Chaplain

Father Charles Nutter, Gautier

Send Council, assembly and circle news and announcements by the 10th of each month to:

Fred Middleton
4322 Bloombury St.
Southaven, MS 38672
fredmiddleton@comcast.net
662-449-0053

On the Web
www.ms-kofo.org

back to
Basics

Council ▲ Community ▲ Camaraderie
Mississippi Annual Convention 2009

**105th Annual State Convention
Mississippi Jurisdiction
April 24-26, Jackson Marriott**

Golf Tournament, Friday, April 24, Bay Point Country Club, Brandon

Masses

Cause for Fr. McGivney, Friday, April 24, Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle

Memorial, Saturday, April 25, Cathedral of St. Peter the Apostle

Convention Mass, Sunday, April 26, Jackson Marriott

Ladies Luncheon, Saturday, April 25, Jackson Marriott

Living Past State Deputies are Convention Honorees and will be honored in a memorable way.

Jackson John T. Savage Council 848 will host a barbecue lunch Saturday, April 25, at the Cathedral parking lot.

Go to www.mskccconvention.com for convention information and registration forms.

The Magnolia Knight

Vol. 9, No. 3



March 2009

A Word from the State Deputy

Remembering the Reason Behind the Founding of Our Order By Danny Lechner

Last week, I was reflecting on what message would be appropriate for this time of the year. (The Knights have so many wonderful programs.)

It came to me this weekend when my Parish Priest, Fr. Paddy Mockler, approached me. He asked me to preach on the reason Fr. McGivney formed the Knights of Columbus in the first place.

Fr. McGivney formed our great organization to take care of widows and orphans of deceased members.

Are we doing that?

When a brother Knight dies, we attend the funeral and show our respects. But, after the funeral, do we stay in touch with the widow and attend to her needs?

If you do, God bless you. If not, form a memorial committee and appoint someone as a coordinator to stay in touch with deceased members' widows and families.

4th Degree

Brothers, we are known as the strong right arm of the church and the 4th De-

gree is the most visible segment of our Order.

The next Exemplification is in Biloxi on March 28. Please get the applications in.

Suspensions rank as the No. 1 enemy in our Councils. Yet, statistically, suspensions amount to less than 2 percent of all members in our order who hold the 4th Degree.

I urge all Grand Knights to effectively recruit 3rd Degree members to join the 4th Degree.

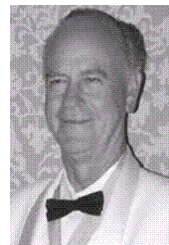
Let's get visible!!!

State Convention

The State Convention is quickly approaching. In order for it to be successful, the Convention Committee needs your registration and ad forms as soon as possible. If you don't have the forms, they are available on the State Web site. Please don't procrastinate. Get them in.

This year, I have asked a lot from you, but remember, you are a Knight and you can do it!!!!

May God's blessings be with you and your families.



It's Not Just About Convention Business

The 2009 State Convention Planning Committee is creating an event that will interest delegates, spouses and non-delegate members. The Mississippi Jurisdiction is more than 6,500 Knights strong, and many interesting stories and experiences will be shared. It's an opportunity to learn, share, grow, relax and be entertained.

Downtown Partners of Jackson helps kick things off on Thursday evening, April 23, with a reception for State Officers, District Deputies and host Councils. Several levels of sponsorship are available through Charles Barbour (601-540-3766) o Jim McCraw (601-624-3036, jmccraw1148@comcast.net).

Room rates at the Jackson Marriott are \$115 (601-969-5100; fax 602-353-4333; <http://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/janmc-jackson-marriott/>).

29 Ascend to 3rd Degree in Starkville Exemplification



New Knights in the 3rd Degree following their exemplification at Starkville are Ward Tripp, Howard Turberville, Russell Loper, Edwin Laws, Jimmy Lee, Jimmy Files and Taupule Losia, all of Meridian Msgr. John J. Burns Council 802; Rhyine Long, Brian Randall and David Bugg of Greenwood Msgr. John F. Clerico Council 5267; Michael Dunstan, Al Wyman, James Dawkins, Glenn Mitchell, Joshua Maeda, Karl Henderson, Paul Brand, Peter Mulrooney, LeeCoye Parker, Bohumir Jelinek, Jamie Curbelo and Vitalis Temu of Starkville Fr. John P. Egan Council 6765; Jimmy Wiseman of Southaven Hernando De-Soto Council 7210; Daniel Aspelund of Columbus W.H. Jolly Council 7974; and Juan Longoria, Silvano Longoria, Mariano Hernandez, Genaro Salinas; and Geraldo Salinas of Corinth St. James the Less Council 8912.

Updated Membership Information Due by March 31

By Bill Waggoner, State Membership Director

The end of the state fraternal year is quickly approaching. Councils should be well into the March Blitz and making a last-minute drive for new members.

As I stated at the Mid-Winter meetings, it is VERY IMPORTANT that you get the information on all new members added since April 1, 2008. I ask for this list to make sure that I give credit to each Council for the hard work in recruiting over the last year. I am not asking for this extra little effort on your part because I like e-mail. I do my best to make sure that all new members are accounted for, but sometimes they just slip through the cracks.

If I do not receive this information by the close of business on March 31, I will assume that you have accounted for all your new members and they have been counted by Supreme. Your awards on the state level WILL be based on the last report I have from Supreme as of April 1 unless I have additional information from your Council. It is incumbent upon the Financial Secretary and Grand Knight to do the jobs they were entrusted with by their brothers. Please don't let them and the state family down.

Remember also that any new members brought into the order after March 15 may not make it onto Supreme's roster in time for the April 1 report, so make sure I get the names of the new members, their sponsors and the date of their 1st Degree along with which Council they belong to.

Thanks to all of you for your hard work and dedication to the Knights and all we stand for over the last year.

Pro-Life Action

Abstinence Workshop

This is the time to get together your Parish team and present the abstinence workshop for your youth.

Everything you will need is on the website physiciansforlife.org or you can contact Raymond Cole at coleraymond@bellsouth.net or call him at (662) 624-6240.

The program comes complete with a Power Point program that can also be downloaded as a set of overhead projector slides. There is also a script for program leaders to use.

This is a way to arm our young people against the temptations they will face during their teen years. If they take its message to heart, we won't spend as much time battling abortion issues. (Submitted by Raymond Cole.)

It's Not Too Late to Plan A Gerow Fund Activity *By Don Cox, Chair Bishop Gerow Memorial Fund*

There is still time to plan a fund-raising activity for the Bishop R.O. Gerow Memorial Fund for priest education in the Dioceses of Jackson and Biloxi.

The deadline to support the 2009 State Convention is April 17.

As established at the Mid-Winter meetings in January, the goal is 100 percent participation by Councils, Assemblies and Ladies Auxiliaries this year.

Remember to use the transmittals distributed at the meetings, and mail checks to State Treasurer Jerry Schmuck. A copy of the transmittal also should be mailed to me so that Jerry and I can ensure the records are maintained accurately.

The transmittal also is available on the state web site, www.ms-kofo.org.

Supreme Selects Southaven Family

Ted and Anna Schreck and their children Benjamin, Emily, Mark and Rosa Ortiz were among the 100 families nationwide designated by Supreme as Family of the Month for January.

They were selected as the Southaven Hernando DeSoto Council 7120's Family of the Month in recognition of their significant contributions to the church community and the Council, making them automatically eligible for the national designation.

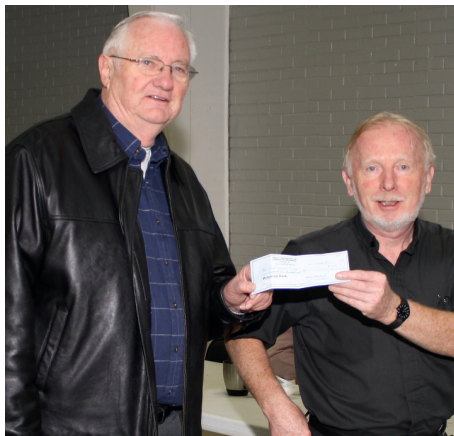
Each of the families selected receives a beautiful Holy Family statuette along with a letter of congratulations from Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson.

The Schreck family was among 23 submitted by Mississippi Councils in January. They included 802, 898, 2134, 2180, 4898, 5556, 5654, 6872, 7211, 8038, 9094, 9124, 9543, 9673, 10216, 10443, 10499, 10901, 11934, 11956, 12271 and 13936



State Secretary Welcomes New Knights

State Secretary Peter Sukanek of Oxford St. John Council 10901 was present at Southaven Hernando DeSoto Council 7120's March meeting to welcome three new 1st Degree Knights. The new Knights are (from left) Anthony Curtis of Walls, Ryan McEndree of Southaven and Fr. Tim Gray, SCJ, a member of the Priests of the Sacred Heart team serving parishes in Southaven, Hernando, Walls and Senatobia. The Council also welcomed transfer Rob Satori of Tunica, new to the area from New Mexico.



A Helping Hand and A Big 'Thank You'

Fr. Henry McInerney, pastor of St. Alphonsus Church in Ocean Springs, presents a check for \$1,400 to Richard Eckert, president of St. Vincent DePaul at St. Alphonsus, representing proceeds from a spaghetti dinner sponsored by the church. In addition, a Parish-wide breakfast was provided as a 'thank you' for supporting Council 5654's successful fund raising event for the education of Seminarians. The Council will present a check for \$4,000 to the Bishops at the State Convention next month. (Photos Submitted by Carl Brochard.)

State Free Throw Competition

Northern

Saturday, March 14, noon, St. James Church, Tupelo. Contact Mark Dye at dye2968@bellsouth.net if you have entries.

Southern

Saturday, March 14, 9 a.m. registration, St. Alphonsus Church, Ocean Springs. Contact Carl Brochard at 228-327-0066 if you have entries.